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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EGEN, MPOL, NATO, XH
SUBJECT: ECONADS: REQUEST FOR PARTIAL DECLASSIFICATION OF ECONOMIC
APPRECIATION FOR DPC MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

REF: A) USNATO 1163 (DTG 031755ZMAR77) (NOTAL)
B) AC/127-D/545

1. REF (B) IS THE FINAL VERSION OF ECONADS WORKING PAPERS
499 AND 500, GIVING AN ECONOMIC APPRECIATION OF THE NATO
AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES THROUGH 1984 TO SERVE AS A
REFERENCE DOCUMENT FOR THE DRC IN THE PREPARATION OF DPC
MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. IT WAS POUCHED TO EUR/RPE-SWARTZ
MARCH 18 AND WE TRUST IT HAS NOW ARRIVED. AT THE MARCH
24 ECONADS MEETING THE DUTCH REP (GEVERS) INQUIRED WHETHER
AN UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF THIS REPORT COULD BE PREPARED
FOR USE IN A NETHERLANDS MOD POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WHICH HAS BOTH OFFICIAL AND NON-GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION.
THE COMMITTEE IS USED TO ASSESS POTENTIAL "GRASS-ROOTS"
POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR MOD POLICIES, INCLUDING
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2. CHAIRMAN BILLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MUCH OF REF (B)
CONSISTS OF UNCLASSIFIED DATA FOR OECD, BUT MUCH
ALSO STEMS FROM CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION
WITHIN NATO. RECALLING AGREED PROCEDURES FOR DOWNGRADING
OR DECLASSIFIED VERSIONS OF ECONADS DOCUMENTS, WE SUGGESTED
THAT DUTCH REP CONSULT WITH DIRECTORATE TO OUTLINE WHICH
PORTIONS OF REF (B) HE CONSIDERED DESIRABLE FOR
DECLASSIFICATION AND THAT DIRECTORATE THEREUPON
PREPARE DRAFT VERSION WHICH COULD BE REFERRED TO AND APPROVED
BY CAPITALS.

3. WE ARE SENDING BY DACOM, ATTN ISA-GEORGE, THE RESULTANT DIRECTORATE MEMO, WHICH PROPOSES CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO AND DELETIONS FROM PRESENT REF (B). OUR REVIEW INDICATES THESE CHANGES ELIMINATE SENSITIVE ELEMENTS OF THE PAPER, BUT WE QUESTION WHETHER ENOUGH IS LEFT TO DO THE JOB THE DUTCH SEEM TO WANT.

4. AT THE MARCH 31 ECONADS MEETING FRG REP (PLUISCH) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WERE DISINCLINED TO APPROVE THE DECLASSIFICATION OF A REVISED DOCUMENT SINCE THEY FELT IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR NATO ASSESSMENTS OF SOV:EE AND DOMESTIC NATO COUNTRIES ECONOMIC PROSPECTS TO BE RELEASED TO PERSONS OUTSIDE GOVERNMENTS. THEY COULD AGREE TO DOWN-GRADING A REVISED DOCUMENT TO "NATO RESTRICTED." IN REPLY DUTCH REP ASSURED ECONADS THAT DOCUMENTS, AS SUCH, WOULD NOT BE PROVIDED TO NON-GOVERNMENT MEMBERS OF THE MOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY LEAKS OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION ATTRIBUTABLE TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLIEST POSSIBLE WASHINGTON REVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES AND GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO DUTCH REQUEST.'STRAUSZ-HUPE'

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